



Jesus: in our hearts, in our minds, in our living, in our learning.

Sully Road, Penarth  
CF64 2TQ

[office@stjosephsrcadmin.com](mailto:office@stjosephsrcadmin.com)

02920 702864

[www.stjosephsrc.com](http://www.stjosephsrc.com)

@stjpenarth

Headteacher: Mrs Laura Taylor

19<sup>th</sup> September 2025



### Message from Mrs Taylor

I have been so impressed this week by the children's enthusiasm for our *Save the Planet!* topic. Focusing on the Catholic Social Teaching principle of **Stewardship**, pupils have explored the work of **CAFOD** and **Fairtrade**, as well as sustainability, plastics in the ocean, and climate change. We look forward to sharing this learning with you at our **Celebration and Exhibition of Learning** on **Friday 3rd October at 2.30pm** – all are welcome.

In our *Writing Journeys* this week:

- **Nursery** pupils learned to recognise their names for self-registration.
- **Reception** pupils practised writing their names.
- **Year 1** pupils used adjectives to describe characters from *Somebody Crunched Colin*.
- **Year 2** pupils demonstrated their understanding of new vocabulary in their stories.
- **Year 3** pupils used their five senses to create descriptions.
- **Year 4** pupils worked on writing adverbial phrases.
- **Year 5** pupils began drafting personification poems about *Mother Earth*.
- **Year 6** pupils completed their personification poems about *Winter*.

In my act of worship this week, we reflected on the **Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**, celebrated in church last Sunday. The cross is the perfect symbol of God's love for the world. As Jesus said to Nicodemus: *"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."* This reminds us that the cross is a sign of God's love for us. Whenever you see a cross, remember how much Jesus loves you.

Thank you to everyone who has joined our **St Joseph's 100 Club**. You can still sign up via **Parent Pay**, with forms for family members available from the office. The first draw will be on **Monday 16th December**.

Finally, we look forward to welcoming **Mgr. Boardman** for our **Welcome Mass** on **Monday 29th September at 2.45pm**. Families are warmly invited to attend.

Take care and God bless,  
**Mrs Taylor**

### Prayer of the Week



Say the prayer that Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread  
And forgive us our trespasses.  
As we forgive those who trespass against us  
and lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.**

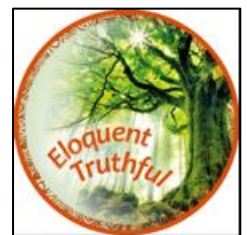
Going Forth:

Think of one thing you will do this week to show that you are a follower of Jesus.

### Pupil Profile Virtues

Pupils in St Joseph's RC Primary School are growing to be . . .

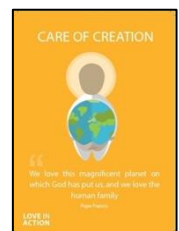
. . . **eloquent** and **truthful** in what they say of themselves, the relations between people, and the world.



### Catholic Social Teaching

This half term we are learning about the Catholic Social Teaching principle, **'Stewardship'**.

As Christians, we are called to be **good stewards of creation**.



That means we are meant to look after the world that God created for us. We must all work to leave our world in a better condition for the people who come after us.

## Class Charters 2025 – 2026

A class charter is similar to classroom rules that we regularly discuss and write with the pupils but focuses more on building the shared values of a **rights respecting** classroom and, with that, the responsibilities that the pupils have to uphold their rights, rather than having rules which can be broken.

Broadly speaking, the pupils' rights under the UNCRC are based on their need to thrive as human beings. These rights are to do with:

- their health and safety (survival)
- their protection from harm and abuse
- the development of their potential
- their inclusion and participation in the life of the society around them (immediately, locally and globally).

Here are some examples of this year's class charters:



### First Holy Communion Classes (Year 3 and above)



First Holy Communion preparation for children in Year 3 and above will begin in St Joseph's RC Church, Penarth and St Mary's RC Church, Dinas Powys, in October.

If you wish to register your child, forms are available in the sacristies of both churches.

Completed forms should be returned as soon as possible so that numbers can be calculated. A meeting with parents will be arranged and more information will be given in due course.

### Prayer Bags



From next week, each class will begin using a Prayer Bag, which will be sent home with pupils on a rota throughout the year. Children will take the bag home for two nights to share prayer time with their families before passing it on.

The Prayer Bags will change focus with the seasons of the Church's year (e.g. Advent, Ordinary Time) and will contain special items along with a Journey with Jesus Class Prayer Book. Families are invited to add their own prayers, pictures, or photographs to the book, creating a wonderful record of prayer across the class.

We kindly ask that you take care of the bags as they are very special. We hope you enjoy this opportunity to pray together as a family and share in this whole-school faith journey.

### Attendance

This week's attendance figures for each class are:  
Well done to Year Reception who achieved the highest attendance this week and to all families who arrived at school on time.

Class	Attendance	Late
Reception	98.42%	0.00%
Year 1	85.65%	0.87%
Year 2	89.41%	0.59%
Year 3	92.41%	0.00%
Year 4	95.17%	0.34%
Year 5	96.9%	0.34%
Year 6	98.06%	0.32%



### Saint Carlo Acutis



On 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025, the Church celebrated a new saint: **Carlo Acutis**. Carlo loved football, computers, and his friends – but most of all, he loved **Jesus in the Eucharist**. He used his computer skills to share stories of Eucharistic miracles so others could know God's love.

Carlo said: "We are all born originals, but many die as photocopies." He reminds us that God made each of us special, and we can all be saints by being ourselves and loving God each day.

**At home, you might think about:**

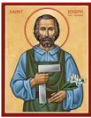

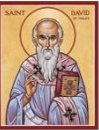







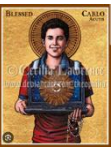



- How do we make space for God in our daily lives?
- How can we use technology for good?
- What makes each of us unique and special?

## Our Class Saints 2025 - 2026

***The Saints were not superhuman. They were people who loved God in their hearts, and who shared this joy with others.***  
*Pope Francis*

As a reminder that we are called to be saints and to help our pupils to respond to Pope Francis' call to live a life of holiness, each class at St Joseph's has a class saint to inspire them on their journey in faith.

The children learn about their class saint's life to inspire them to lead joyful lives. They will learn why the Saints are good role models; how they teach us that holiness means being who you are; that Saints pray for us from heaven and give us the strength to be who God created us to be.

<p><b>Nursery and Reception - St. Joseph</b></p> 	<p>Patron Saint: St. Joseph is the patron saint of fathers and workers. He was married to Mary, the mother of Jesus, and was Jesus' earthly father. St. Joseph was a carpenter and taught Jesus how to work with wood.                      Feast Day: 19<sup>th</sup> March</p>	
<p><b>Year 1 – St David</b></p> 	<p>Patron Saint: St. David is the patron saint of Wales. He loved animals, and it's said he performed miracles, like making the ground rise under him so people could hear him preach. St. David taught people to be kind and gentle, just like he was. He is famous for the words, 'Be joyful, keep the faith and do the little things that you have heard and seen me do.'                      Feast Day: 1<sup>st</sup> March</p>	
<p><b>Year 2 - St. Francis of Assisi</b></p> 	<p>Patron Saint: St. Francis is the patron saint of animals and nature. He loved all creatures and even preached to the birds! St. Francis gave up his rich life to live simply and help the poor.                      Feast Day: 4<sup>th</sup> October</p>	
<p><b>Year 3 - St. Teresa of Calcutta</b></p> 	<p>Patron Saint: St. Teresa of Calcutta (also known as Mother Teresa) is the patron saint of the poor. She helped people in India, especially those who were very sick and had no one to care for them. St. Teresa started a group called the Missionaries of Charity, which helps poor people around the world.                      Feast Day: 5<sup>th</sup> September</p>	
<p><b>Year 4 – St Bernadette</b></p> 	<p>Patron Saint: St. Bernadette is the patron saint of people who are sick. When she was a girl, St. Bernadette saw visions of Mary, the mother of Jesus, in a small town called Lourdes in France. Because of St. Bernadette, Lourdes became a special place where many sick people go to pray for healing.                      Feast Day: 16<sup>th</sup> April</p>	
<p><b>Year 5 – Saint Carlo Acutis</b></p> 	<p>Patron Saint: Saint Carlo Acutis is the patron saint of the internet and computer programmers. He loved computers and made a website about Eucharistic miracles (special things that happened when people received Communion). Blessed Carlo was a normal boy who loved playing video games, but he also loved helping others and going to Mass every day.                      Feast Day: 12<sup>th</sup> October</p>	
<p><b>Year 6 – St. Maximilian Kolbe</b></p> 	<p>Patron Saint: St. Maximilian Kolbe is the patron saint of families, prisoners, and people who struggle with addiction. He loved Mary, the mother of Jesus, very much and started a group called the Militia of the Immaculata to share her message of love. St. Maximilian gave his life to save another man in a prison camp during World War II, showing incredible courage and love.                      Feast Day: 14<sup>th</sup> August</p>	

## Dates for the Diary



### September

26<sup>th</sup> – Playground Pal Training (Health and Wellbeing Government Group)  
 28<sup>th</sup> – Years 4 – 6 pupils to support the readings and music for the Penarth Mayor’s Civic Service  
 29<sup>th</sup> – **Welcome Mass 2.45pm – All are welcome.**

### October

**1<sup>st</sup> – Years 2, 3 and 4 to Mass**  
 1<sup>st</sup> – Year 5 and 6 Health and Wellbeing Government Group – Playmakers training  
 2<sup>nd</sup> – Year 2 Road Safety  
 2<sup>nd</sup> - Year 2 Class Liturgy 3.20pm  
 2<sup>nd</sup> – Year 5 and 6 Open Evening St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School  
 3<sup>rd</sup> – Harvest Vale Foodbank Appeal  
**3<sup>rd</sup> – Celebration and Exhibition of Learning ‘Save the Planet’ from 2.30pm – All are welcome.**  
 6<sup>th</sup> – Year 4 Intensive Swimming Course (Two Weeks)  
 7<sup>th</sup> – Years 5 and 6 Open Evening Stanwell  
 8<sup>th</sup> – Years 1 and 5 to Mass  
 9<sup>th</sup> - Years 5 and 6 Open Evening St Cyres  
 9<sup>th</sup> – Year 3 Class Liturgy 3.20pm  
 15<sup>TH</sup> – Shwmae Welsh Language Day  
 16<sup>th</sup> - Year 4 Class Liturgy 3.20pm  
 17<sup>TH</sup> – Show Racism the Red Card Day  
**22<sup>nd</sup> – Reception and Year 6 to Mass**  
 23<sup>rd</sup> – F&F Autumn Disco  
 24<sup>th</sup> – INSET Day

### Half term 27th October – 31<sup>st</sup> October

### November

4<sup>th</sup> – Parent Teacher Consultations (except Nursery and Year 3) 4pm – 6pm  
 5<sup>th</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> – Parent Teacher Consultations (except Nursery and Year 3) 4pm – 6pm  
 5<sup>th</sup> – Reception and 6 to Mass  
 10<sup>TH</sup> – Switch Off Fortnight  
 10<sup>TH</sup> – Anti bullying Week  
 11<sup>th</sup> – Year 3 Parent Teacher Consultations 4pm – 6pm  
 12<sup>th</sup> - Year 3 Parent Teacher Consultations 4pm – 6pm  
 12<sup>th</sup> – Nursery Parent Teacher Consultations 1.30pm – 6pm  
 12<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 and Year 5 to Mass  
 13<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Class Liturgy 3.20pm  
 19<sup>th</sup> – Years 2, 3 and 4 to Mass  
 20<sup>TH</sup> - Year 5 Class Liturgy 3.20pm  
 21<sup>ST</sup> – Jubilee Year of Hope Celebration  
 24<sup>th</sup> – Open Evening for September 2026  
 Nursery and Reception pupils

### December

**6<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Choir to sing at St Augustine’s Christmas Tree Festival**  
 9<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 and 2 Christmas Concert 2pm  
 10<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 and 2 Christmas Concert 10am  
 11<sup>th</sup> – Nursery and Reception Christmas Celebration 10am  
**12<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Choir to sing at Ty Dewi Sant Residential Home**  
 14<sup>th</sup> – Advent Service (Led by Years 3 and 4) – 2pm  
 15<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Market 2.30pm

### Four Purposes of the Curriculum – Enterprising and Creative Contributors!

<b>Nursery</b>	Fergus McDermid	<b>Year 3</b>	Molly Dix
<b>Reception</b>	Irene Nithin	<b>Year 4</b>	Daisy Davey
<b>Year 1</b>	Alana Valvo	<b>Year 5</b>	Emily Deacon
<b>Year 2</b>	Afan McAuley	<b>Year 6</b>	Bradleigh Roodhouse



### Weekly Good News Awards



Mrs Taylor’s Good News stickers are for pupils who are welcoming to others. They say ‘hello’, share a friendly smile with those they meet, are helpful, make good choices and are beacons of light to the world.



### Congratulations to this week’s winners!

<b>Nursery</b>	Rowan Keenan Ryx Tan Nancy Perkins Frankie Griffiths	<b>Year 3</b>	Jacob Wareham Oliver Dzedzic Olivia Bounds Reuben Bousie
<b>Reception</b>	Zain El Hammond Ada Best Jorgie Jarvis Demi Daly	<b>Year 4</b>	Jackson Ruckley Haydn Bullough Andrea Nithin Dylan Carroll
<b>Year 1</b>	Harri Dibble John Ernest-Harlow Milo Mulchinock Regan Ruckley	<b>Year 5</b>	Eva Shrubsole Mirabelle Challis Jax Perkins Fletcher Mulchinock
<b>Year 2</b>	Hallie Ayres Carter Bartlett Stanley Hawkins William Hoover	<b>Year 6</b>	Elsie Jeffreys Archie Jones Leilani Goodall Holly Terry

# OPEN DAY




ST RICHARD GWYN  
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

YSGOL UWCHRADD GATHOLIG  
RICHARD GWYN SANT

## DATE & TIME:

 Thursday 2nd October 2025

 3:30pm to 6:30pm

 Argae Lane, Barry, CF63 1BL

We would like to invite families of students in YR5 & 6 for a tour of our school.

If you can't make it in person, you can enjoy a virtual tour of the school and this will be available on our website and socials soon!

Click on the QR code below to view our prospectus!

## TO BOOK, CALL OR EMAIL:



01446 729250



[info@strichardgwyn.co.uk](mailto:info@strichardgwyn.co.uk)



[www.strichardgwyn.co.uk](http://www.strichardgwyn.co.uk)

